

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

Monday
November 7, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge/Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 PM at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were nine (9) DAB Members, two (2) alternate DAB members, five (5) city staff, and three (3) Citizens. Approximately 19 signed in.

Members Present

Marsha Carr
Bob Wine
Bickley Foster
John VanWalleghen
Darcy Weaver
Jaya Escobar
Carol Skaff-alternate
Linda Matney
Charlie Claycomb-alternate
Bob Schreck
Rosalie Bradley

Member Absent

Maurine Willis
Veronica Triana

Guests

Listed at the end

Staff

Terri Dozal, NA
Max Tenbrook, Police
Off. Stevens, Patrol South
Off. Franco, Patrol North
Off. Kyle, Patrol West

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB Members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation for serving on the board.

Approval of Minutes

October 3rd minutes were approved with the following amendments: **(Schreck/Matney 11-0)**

- ❖ **Member Carr** discussed an ordinance about residents advertising their home business under the Community Police reports
- ❖ **Member Schreck** noted two errors one under the topic Status report on the North Area sewer main and the corrected name of person who seconded approval of minutes and agenda. These changes were made to the minutes prior to the meeting.

October 19th minutes were approved with additional updates from the Council Member **(Schreck/Matney 11-0)**

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted **(Schreck/Skaff 11-0)**

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol North – *Officer Franco, 48 Beat* discussed on 42 Beat Officer Alex Recio was new to community policing and was continuing to work on prostitution strings and graffiti problems. There have been some arrests made and now we are waiting for the suspects to be prosecuted. 49 Beat – the rash of garage burglaries previously reported has decreased since October. Also there is concern the MS13 gang is present in the community due to gang graffiti around 17th or 18th and Wellington streets.

This gang is noted for being very dangerous more so than any other group. Our gang unit checked for verification of the signature and felt this was not the group, just someone wanting to scare people.

Patrol South – *Officer Bill Stevens*, reports Old Town had 22 arrests over the past weekend due to people gathering in the parking lots and street fighting. Some of the arrests were due to alcohol involvement. It was a busy weekend but we did have fewer violations. We have started enforcement maintenance to target the problems. Old Town Business Association is sponsoring a pancake feed for a police officer that was injured and to also provide turkey dinners for needy families. Kellogg & Washington streets are seeing multiple car accidents and tomorrow we will be monitoring traffic conditions.

Patrol West - *Officer Kyle, 11 Beat* commented the Riverside area is seeing residential burglaries. We plan to step up patrol in/around Indian Center due to the burglaries have been at the construction sites. **Member Carr** asked about the mugging at Century II? *Kyle* said he would have Officer Rose get the info for you. Muggings near Century II have not been a problem. **Carr** continued this could be a problem for the Water Walk development.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

Staff Presentations

4. Professional Standards Bureau

Captain Max Tenbrook, Supervisor of Professional Standards Bureau reviewed the process for complaints against Police department employees and also how to provide accolades for positive police assistance. The department wants to keep in touch with the community and hear feedback whether it is good or bad. *Tenbrook* said the complaints form for reporting an officer/employee is under the Police web page located in the City Web page. You can also get the form from the neighborhood assistant here at Evergreen or you can come to the downtown City Hall 5th floor, the phone number is 268-4256. We will also take 3rd hand complaints. If an officer does a good job we also want to hear that.

The following were questions/comments from DAB members: *responses in Italics*

- ❑ You receive a complaint, how is it handled? *We do research, interview witnesses. It's almost like a criminal investigation. Our department has four investigators. Cases that are more severe, a report is compiled and given to the Chief and he will decide what will happen to the officer. The process starts when a complaint is made to the immediate supervisor but depends on each case.*
- ❑ Do you talk to the FOP before the officer is notified of a complaint? *No, the officer is notified and has the right to talk to his union representative to assist in the grievance process.*
- ❑ Do the complaints get feedback? *Yes*
- ❑ You said there were 55 external complaints, what were they? *We have 650 employees and a small amount of the complaints are from people receiving tickets but the most frequent complaints are the officer was rude due to his interaction and voice with the client. At times we have had complaints for unnecessary force.*
- ❑ What about the Citizen Review Board? *We like the process and this is how we hear from you.*

- ❑ What is the time period from reporting the complaint to follow-up? *This depends on the case, roughly 30 days.*
- ❑ Do Wichita police have cameras in their cars? *No, it's a very valuable tool to have but can't solve all problems.*

***** **Action:** Receive and file

Board Agenda

5. Problem Properties

- ❑ 1117 Bitting- the landscape equipment is still there.
- ❑ Graffiti- Spillway at 21st & West 235- E & W side
- ❑ Weeds at 21st & Broadway are now gone.
- ❑ Check cashing building at the corner of 21st and Amidon has a flashy sign. Due to the sign ordinance I thought this would be prohibited. **Member Foster** is to ask BZA at next meeting about this.
- ❑ One block of unpaved street is in my area, Public Works doesn't go out & look for these. **Council Member Fearey** said we could order in or contact Jim Armour to see about carrying a petition for paving. **Foster** said he would talk to his neighbors about this process. **Member Carr** said you could use the GIS system to see a view of the streets.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action

6. Neighborhood Reports

Orchard Park- a new skateboard park is coming to Orchard Park. Lots of money has been raised for this project. The historic landmark, the Chug has closed.

NW Big River- *Christine Eberle, president* came forward to let DAB members know NW Big River NA is in process of requesting and partnering with the Park department for a shelter building at Sycamore Park.

RCA- Will hold their annual chili feed on Nov. 8th. The money will be for Christmas presents for the youth at Juvenile Liberty home. **Council Member Fearey** will be serving that evening. **Member Carr** said we should make recommendations about our community police officers to be commended for their work. They help us a lot in the neighborhood. **Council Member Fearey** and the neighborhood assistant will work on something for the officers and e-mail to everyone.

North Riverside- The TEA request is in for extending the bike path.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

Council Member Updates

- ❖ Mesa Verde is closing on the land in a week and will start their project soon.
- ❖ Grace Med formerly UMUM has moved to our old health station. They will have this year free as long as they stay next year. This is a good service to have. The dental hygienist's will be brought in soon. Grace Med will also be moving to North Topeka to

the old St. Francis daycare and Director David Sanford will present about this at Midtown's Jan 3rd neighborhood meeting.

- ❖ December DAB- **Council Member Fearey** will be in Charlotte. NC. Bob Wine, second pro-tem will chair the Dec. 5th meeting.
- ❖ January 2nd is a holiday and there will be no DAB meeting, we will meet the following Monday, Jan 9, 2006
- ❖ There will be no second DAB meeting in November, but we will have the breakfast on Saturday Nov 26th
- ❖ The state redid the Day Reporting Center organization and now has new owners.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Guests

Christine Eberle	1814 Joann NW Big River NA
Wayne M. Wells	432 S. Osage 67213 Delano
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills-Riverbend N.A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant